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Greenbrier Presbytery

The Presbytery of Greenbrier met in Frankford church, Tuesday September 13, at 7:30 p. m. and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. W. S. Patterson, of Beckley.

Eleven ruling elders and fourteen ministers were present. Rev. A. S. Rachal, of Marlinton, was elected moderator, and Rev. J. C. Johnson, of Academy, and Elder Z. S. Smith, of Marlinton, were elected clerks.

Rev. Absolom Sydenstricker, missionary to China, was introduced to Presbytery and stated that he had not presented his letter of dismissal from this Presbytery to the Presbytery of Nankin and that he desired to be enrolled as a member of Greenbrier Presbytery. He was enrolled.

Rev. J. S. Kennison, of Macon Presbytery, being present was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. S. R. Neel, of the M. E. Church, South, being present was introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Presbytery observed a sacramental service on Wednesday night, conducted by Rev. D. S. Sydenstricker, D. D. On Thursday at 11 a. m., Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D. preached the special sermon on church discipline. On Thursday afternoon the report on foreign missions was considered, in connection with which Rev. Absolom Sydenstricker made an address on mission work in China; Presbytery expressed its appreciation of this address by a rising vote. Thursday night the report on home missions was made which showed that the vacant fields of Presbytery have not yet been supplied, and there is great need that the churches should pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth more laborers into the fields, which are white to the harvest.

Thursday afternoon the report of the ad interim committee on worldliness was made by Rev. F. P. Sydenstricker. This was a strong report based on the Scriptures and the deliverances of the General Assembly. Upon adopting it Presbytery gave instructions that steps be taken toward having it printed.

On Friday Presbytery took aggressive action with respect to its schools. The record of the report of the ad interim committee, which had been appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to make a full report on the financial condition, management and indebtedness of these schools was read. The report was found to be exhaustive and the thanks of Presbytery had been returned to the committee for the same. The report set forth: "The physical condition of the properties to be splendid buildings are in excellent state of repair, the grounds show careful and diligent attention, and the school are doing excellent work; and that there is every reason why Presbytery should lend its unrestrained aid and encouragement in every possible way to these most excellent schools and lay upon its ministers and members the duty of protecting, patronizing, and giving the fullest financial support to the end that their small indebtedness, compared to the excellent equipment, may be fully discharged." Presbytery took steps to begin at once a thorough and systematic canvass for subscriptions to this end—the same to be paid in cash or five annual installments.

Presbytery adjourned to meet during the meeting of Synod at Charlottesville, Va.

The following charter was issued last week:

The Greenbrier, Cheat & Elk Railroad Company, of Cass, Pocahontas county, W. Va. to build a railroad from Bemis, Randolph county, to Webster Springs in Webster county, branch line to connect with the C. & O. near Clover Lick in Pocahontas county, and with the Valley Fork of Elk river in Randolph county. Capital stock, \$50,000; subscribed and paid, \$10,000. Incorporators: S. E. Slaymaker, Henry L. Condit, John G. Lute, George H. Perkins and George E. Nelson, all of New York City.

Self Improvement.

One of the best means for self improvement is to memorize and study the sentiments of thoughtful persons. The attention of the youthful readers of The Times is hereby especially called to this fact. Being of the opinion from what I have seen and learned about the young people of Pocahontas county, there are many who would like to be among the best of self improved persons and repeat what follows for their studious consideration.

La Sage, an eminent thinker, made this remark for his friends: "I wish you all sorts of prosperity with a little more taste." This meant that without nice pleasant manners prosperity amounts to very little. One of the very wise things Mr. McCaully said was to this effect: "Our estimate of a character always depends much on the manner in which the character affects our own interests and passions." This was intended to put persons on their guard against mere prejudices or fancies when forming their opinions about their friends and acquaintances. Mr. Colton expressed one of his keenest phrases when he said "There is a paradox in pride: it makes some men ridiculous, but prevents other men from becoming so." Pride means self-esteem, and according to Mr. Colton, it is good when good, and ridiculous when not good. It is truly a very ridiculous thing for a person to be proud of doing or saying ugly nasty things where every body may see and hear him. Here is one of the many good periodical sayings for which the great Samuel Johnson is justly famous. "Integrity is dangerous and dreadful" Integrity as Dr. Johnson understands it, is the habit of living, being and doing, as the Bible would have persons do in all the relations of life. A learned man without this habit of integrity is as dangerous as an unchained lion in whatever sphere he may move, social, moral, or political. Every man, woman, and child that comes in contact with such a character becomes more or less defiled, in soul, body and spirit. I would close this article by quoting some lines from a writer, who had a correct opinion of the good influence intelligent persons of integrity exert everywhere:

"They make the weather, after all, To suit a purpose far Beyond the need of rain to fall On this or any star. They make the holy days to meet An simpler need than ours, So that, if only we keep sweet, We find at all times 'neath our feet The verdure and the flowers."

May it be our privilege to meet with Dr. Johnson's people, wherever we are, which is one of the best things we can wish for ourselves or others. W. T. P.

At Inframonte Cottage, West Marlinton, Wednesday October 12, 1910, at 6:30 p. m., James Panage and Miss Vergie Madison were married, Rev. Wm. T. Price officiating. Mr. Panage is a native of Italy. At present he is one of the young, industrious employees of the Marlinton tannery. The bride is a native of Bath county, Va., and has many attached friends who speak very kindly of her. The party was chaperoned by Theodore Madison accompanied by Mrs. Lizzie Laone relatives of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony the parties went to the home of Mr. Laone in Marlinton. May the good wishes of friend in the two Virginias and Italy be realized in the well being of these young people.

One of the delights of American boyhood is in danger of passing away. The Bureau of Plant Industry at Washington tells us in a late report that the chestnut bark disease, the most rapidly destructive affecting forest trees is spreading in Virginia. The hard part about it is that when the disease is once established nothing can check its progress. Only great care can save chestnut trees so afflicted, and such care will not be general enough to stop the ravages upon one of the most toothsome things that grow in the wildwood. These noble trees ought to be preserved, so that their fruit might still give joy to the young and kindly shade and shelter the aged.—Ex.

The sale of fine property of J. A. Jones, dec'd, was made last Thursday, everything bringing fancy prices. This it said to be the finest sale ever made in the county.—Highland Recorder.

A Voice for Frugality.

David V. Hill emerged from retirement a few days ago long enough to make a political speech to his friends and neighbors at his old home at Elmira, where he was born and reared, and whence he started on many a political adventure. He is now approaching three score and ten, and his extraordinary mental capacity coupled with his vast experience, should place him in the class of sages. Here is a passage in his last address at Elmira.

"One of the dangers that confront the country today is the already increased and still increasing expenditures of government in nation and state. Good old-fashioned economy seems to have been abandoned, and wild schemes of every character are being substituted in its stead. The extent to which official salaries have been increased in both State and nation is appalling, and the end is not yet. The country cannot long stand such reckless legislation, and, in my opinion, it is high time to call a halt.

In the course of his remarks the other day Mr. Hill cited that last year the State government of New York cost the people of the State \$34,494,429, whereas the most expensive year of his administration as governor was a little above \$14,000,000 and then adds: "There seems to be a rivalry nowadays among official representatives as to who can spend the most money of the people, and who can save the most."

Twenty years ago Charles A. Dana gave the Democratic party the campaign slogan, "No more billion congresses," and it had a powerful effect. Now we have the two billion Congress and it excites small criticism. The cost of government—Federal, State, county and municipal—reaches about \$20 for every man, woman and child.

Concerning Bridges.

Here are some figures on the cost of the Buckeye bridge, kindly furnished by the principal contractor.

Contract price for iron and cement \$7,800.
For lumber extra \$250.00.
Cement expert employed by the day at \$3.00 to see that the work was properly done, \$225. This workman was able to supplement his wages by working for the contractor at \$2.00 a day additional. Total \$8,275.

The same authority gives the cost of the three bridges at Clover Lick, Sitlington and Cass approximately \$14,000, with the supplementary span at Sitlington additional.

The stone work and approaches of the Stony Creek bridge were constructed by the county engineer, no bids being asked for. The same holds true for several other bridges in the county. Contract price for it was \$778.00. We are assured by the county engineer that a great saving was effected by him on this and similar work, but as he figures on his own estimate with no competitive bids as a guide, the statement will be accepted only for what it is worth.

AUCTION SALE

OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

I will offer for sale on Tuesday October 25th, 1910, at 10 a. m. on the E. O. Moore near Greenbank, the following:

- 2 work horses,
- 1 yearling horse,
- 1 colt,
- 2 milk cows, 1 steer calf, 6 head yearling ewes, 2 fat hogs, 1 sow and 7 pigs, 1 wagon, 1 buggy, 1 hay rake, 3 plows, 1 set wagon harness, 1 set buggy harness, 1 new American riding harrow, 3 or 4 hay stacks, straw stacks, 75 bu. oats, 75 bu. buckwheat, corn on 4 acres, 1 new Singer sewing machine, 1 25 gal iron kettle, all household and kitchen furniture, farming implements, etc.

TERMS:—Five dollars and under cash, over that amount 3 months, bond and approved security.

B. M. BIBBY, Swecker Auctioneer.

Notice to the Public.

My wife, Lula Preston having recently left my home at Lewisburg, and gone to her old home at Seebert, Pocahontas county, saying that she will not return to me this is to notify all persons dealing with her that I am not stand responsible for any debt or obligation she may contract on my credit or responsibility.

ALBERT PRESTON.

HORSES FOR SALE

Two No. 1 good heavy teams; well harnessed and broke to the woods. Apply to W. E. POAGE, Edroy, W. Va.

Greenbank.

The weather is cooler but we have had no killing frosts yet.

The oil well is progressing faster since the driller was released and another took his place. It now looks as if there was some prospect of getting the hole down.

T. P. Moyers and Martin Sutton are having their dwelling houses painted. The work is being done by J. L. Stretch.

Mrs. Wooddell, the mother of W. H. Wooddell, was stricken with paralysis last week and is in a very serious condition.

The people of Greenbank were very fortunate on Monday night, in hearing a lecture delivered by Dr. C. H. Chapman, of Richmond Va., formerly of Webster Springs West Va. The subject was the Spread of Disease. The prime object being the prevention of transmitting germs, which is a very great subject when brought to light as it was here. The lecture was very instructive and also entertaining and was highly appreciated by all who heard it. Dr. Chapman is a dentist who graduated from The University College of Medicine and for three years has been connected with the teaching faculty of that institution. He has spent the last three summers in this vicinity with his wife's relatives and is very popular and has a very large practice. He is a man of modest pretensions but well knows what he is talking about. The writer has been personally acquainted with the doctor in the city where he ranks with the best in his profession.

A society event of interest to a very extended circle of relatives and friends occurred in the parlor of Inframonte cottage, West Marlinton, on 11:30 Wednesday morning, October 12, 1910, when Samuel Bolar McGuffin and Miss Lucy May Moore were married by Rev. Wm. T. Price officiating minister. Mr. McGuffin is from Bolar Springs, Va., and is a young citizen of fine reputation and good prospects. The bride is a daughter of the Hon. I. Brown Moore, of Knapps creek, and a very attractive and popular young person. The bridal party were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Price Campbell, of Beulah vicinity Highland county. Among those present were sisters of the bride and a son of W. Price Campbell and other relatives. Immediately after the ceremony the parties set out for Virginia, the home of the groom. Many are the friends in the two Virginias who fervently wish that all a happy marriage implies may be allotted these much esteemed young people in their now blended lives.

The Great White Plague, which as the growth of the state's population has gone forward with leaps and bounds, within the past few years, has also advanced until it has become a menace so formidable that a concerted effort is required by the existing conditions to combat it. This has been realized by the physicians of West Virginia and at the meeting of the West Virginia Medical Association which was held in Parkersburg on the 6th and 7th of the present month a movement was set afoot, to secure the passage of a bill at the next session of the legislature, to provide for a suitable state sanitarium to be built at some central point where the terrible disease—tuberculosis may be more successfully treated.

It has been pointed out by the physicians the great advantages that are to be derived from securing the separation from among diseased people, of those affected with tubercular diseases, and it is believed that such a sanitarium would help greatly in stamping out the disease.

With this end in view the medical association appointed a committee composed of a number of the state's most prominent medical men to draft a bill and look after the state's interests in regard to organized methods to cope with the rapid spread of the disease. The fraternal insurance companies operating in the state are also taking a lively interest in the proposed bill and will co-operate with the physicians to secure the passage of the bill.

"Old Pelham's."

The rude picture of an old-time rural Virginia place of worship, in a recent "Presbyterian of the South," recalled to me a similar edifice with which I was familiar in my younger days. It was in the southern part of Virginia and formed the gathering-place of public worship for Methodists in a large section of country. Nor need it be supposed that the plainness, even rudeness of that decayed old building indicated any degree of poverty of those godly people, and at the risk of being misunderstood, I add a simple folk. The primitive simplicity of the early English Methodists was shown in their manise and often needlessly, for it is not by the cut of the garb or eschewing paint on wood or plastering on laths that the heart is made better, such being only habits descending from father to son and held onto with mistaken reverence. Why, on the records of old Pelham's was the suspension of a member and a good woman too, who would wear her wedding ring; but how said lady came to have said ring we wot not.

I remember the old meeting-house and often sat there under the sound of preaching of the Word, the hearty ringing of many voices, mostly untrained but devout, when "Jesus Lover of my Soul," and other stirring prayerful hymns would rise and low themselves among the bare rafters of "old Pelham's," but never cease until the ear of God and height of Heaven had been attained. And the prayers of those good old brethren on the minister's right hand. I recall some very utterances from the depths of humble contrite hearts. I always thought that old "brother M." must have known much trouble in his life, when he prayed so earnestly the "good Lord to help us in these low grounds of sorrow." Ah! he has long since, doubtless, gone up from his "low grounds" to the delectable mountains of Zion where groans and lamentations are turned forevermore into praises and rejoicings. I recall another aged member, a Mr. Heath, who having been once a teacher of an "old field school" as it was termed and taught rudiments to many who could after have taught him "lofty branches," was ever accosted in a peculiar reverence as "Mr." and not "brother" which latter seemed a little too familiar. Mr. Heath was tall and thin; he wore the dress of his young days, very distinguishing, short knee breeches with buckles and long brown stockings; one would think he had just stepped out from some old portrait picture of far away days in the past. "Old Pelham's" had no more regular or devout attendant than this plain old man, and long since hath he put on the fine linen of the saints in glory.

S. E. Slaymaker, president of the Greenbrier, Cheat & Elk Railroad Co., 200 Fifth avenue, New York, says that the company, which has just been chartered in West Virginia, will build 75 miles of line from Bemis to Webster Springs, W. Va., along the Cheat River and the Elk River. The route lies through rough country, and will include one 800-foot tunnel. Connections will be made with the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, the Western Maryland Railway and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. The officers are: Vice-president, David L. Luke; treasurer, Adam K. Luke; secretary, George E. Nelson; general manager, E. P. Shaffer.

A press report says that John A. Handley of Greenbrier county is locating the road with a corps of engineers.—Manufacturers Record

B. S. Wallace of Marlinton, came in on No. 3 to consult Dr. Cummings. While here he made a brief visit to his aunts, the Misses Nelson and Mrs. A. M. Erwin, leaving on No. 14 for home.—Hinton News.

Corn for the State

Corn Show.

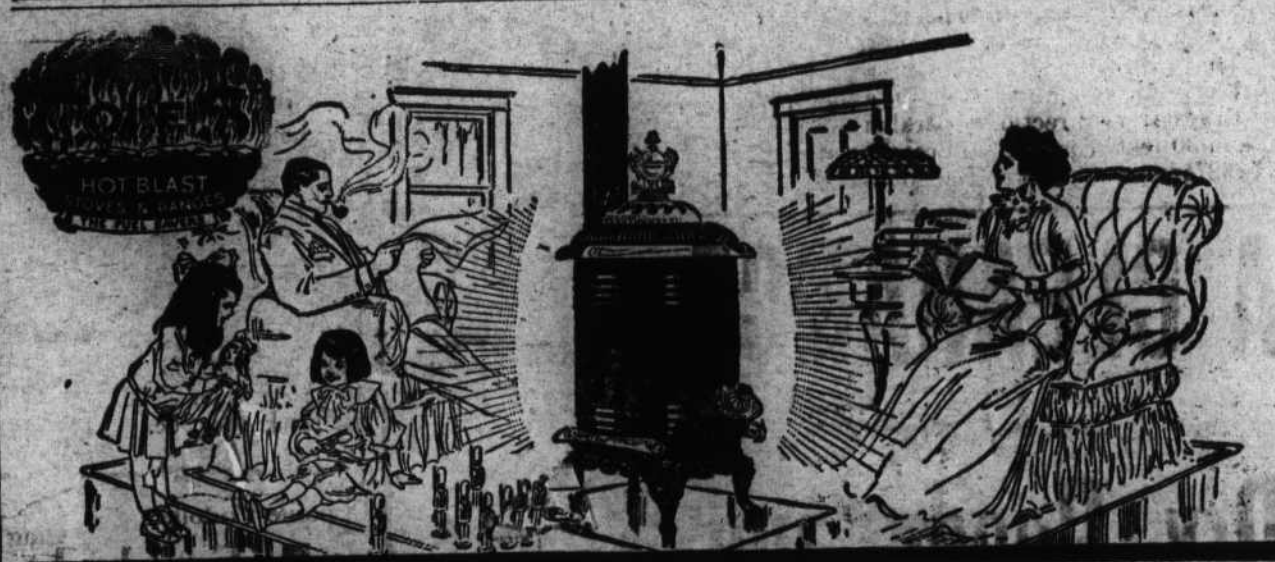
The prizes and honors at the State Corn Show, to be conducted by the College of Agriculture and State Board of Agriculture at Morgantown on the 5th, 6th and 7th of January, 1911, will all be given for single ears and for lots of ten ears. Because of the importance of choosing carefully and according to a plan that will give every exhibitor an equal chance with every other exhibitor, the following suggestions are offered.

1. Every ear should be ripe. Ripeness indicates that the corn is suited to the region where it is where it is grown.
2. Every ear should be sound and dry, indicating proper seed condition and keeping quality.
3. Every ear should be heavy in proportion to its size, weight being one of the surest indications of productiveness.
4. Every ear should have the right length in relation to its diameter. The circumference at one-third the distance from the butt should be from three-fourths to four-fifths of the length.
5. Every ear should have the proper color of its kind, and should have a bright and attractive appearance. Off-color grains are to be avoided.
6. Every ear should have butt and tip well and evenly filled, and the rows of grains should be straight and regular and set close together.
7. Every cob should be of the same color, of medium rather than large or small size, its shank large enough to support the ear but not so large as to be hard to break off in husking.
8. Every ear should be uniform in size and depth of grains with every other ear in the exhibit; and the medium-sized rather than the large ear should be chosen.
9. Every ear should be true to its own type, with preference for the cylindrical rather than the tapering ear.
10. The corn selected for exhibition should be so stored that it will be kept dry and open to the air, without being exposed to insects or mice.—D. W. Working, College of Agriculture, Morgantown, W. Va.

Notice

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that S. L. Carter has this day severed his connection with the partnership known as S. B. Wallace & Company, the partnership having purchased his entire interest in the firm's business. All debts due the firm are payable as formerly to the partnership and the partnership assumes all the liabilities of the firm.

S. L. CARTER,
S. B. WALLACE & CO.
By S. B. WALLACE.
October 1, 1910.



The Happy Family Enjoys Cole's Air-Tight Wood Heater

For 15 years Cole's Original Air-Tight Wood Heater has led in revolutionized the making of wood heating stoves. It has been imitated by nearly every stove manufacturer in this country.

Yet, a greater number of Cole's remarkable wood air-tight heating stoves are sold each succeeding year. No imitation of Cole's Original Air-Tight Wood Heater has ever equaled it for efficiency.

No other wood heater is worth as much to you, though many cost more. This is an age of plainness in design, in finish and ornamentation. This is true of furniture and house furnishings—why not a plain stove or range? Plain smooth castings, plain nickel, plain blued or patent planished bodies. All this plain modern finish means less labor—easy to clean and keep clean. Do not pay for extra, unnecessary trimmings and ornamentations which only add to your labor.

Read the following guarantee made by the manufacturers of the Original Air-Tight: We guarantee every Cole's Air-Tight Wood Stove bearing our name to remain air-tight as long as used. We guarantee that it will hold fire over night with dry wood. We guarantee the combustion so complete with wood that ashes need not be removed other than for clean-up. We guarantee each stove to be free from imperfect material and workmanship.

Barely this guarantee made by a reliable manufacturer should be of interest to you. Come in and examine this heater. Burns wood, cobs and rubbish. Price \$30.00 and up.

C. J. Richardson
Marlinton, W. Va.